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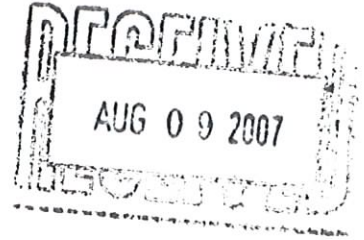
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Jeff Gray, Sanctuary Superintendent
Thunder Bay Nation Marine Sanctuary
500 W. Fletcher Street
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Dear Jeff Gray,

At a regular scheduled meeting held on August 6, 2007, the Alpena Township Board of Trustees went on record in support of the boundary expansion which will promote other related activities for the benefit of our community and that of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

It is our pleasure to support the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council's recommendation to expand the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include all waters off Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle Counties. Expansion of the sanctuary will provide increased protection of nationally significant resources and further enhance preservation and promotion of maritime heritage in Northeastern Michigan. We believe expansion of the sanctuary will provide greater opportunity for education and tourism and could strengthen the area's economy. Because of this, we strongly support sanctuary boundary expansion.

Sincerely,

Marie A. Twite
Supervisor